(b) if so, the details of this demand;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to involve this community in forest protection through establishment of training centres for their livelihood; and

(d) if so, the details of such training centres set up by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. However, the communities, including the Medara community, living inside and on the fringes of forest areas are involved in the protection and conservation of forests through the mechanism of Joint Forest Management which also address the issue of reduction of poverty.

(d) Does not arise.

Promotion of carbon sink and carbon sequestration projects

112. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in collaboration with Community Forestry International, U.S.A. is promoting carbon sink projects and carbon sequestration projects in Harda Forest Division of Madhya Pradesh and Adilabad Forest Division of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the funding agency;

(c) whether Government plan to promote similar carbon sink and carbon sequestration projects elsewhere in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir, since the requisite guidelines are to be finalised by United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).